

HUGHES TO PITCH IN TODAY'S GAME

Keeley's Arrival Will Quash Charges of Covering Him Up.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

BOSTON, April 16.—Rain called off the game here yesterday between Washington and Boston. From the way the Washington team played on Tuesday there should be few regrets among the Capital fans over the weather's interference.

Tom Hughes has been showing such good form this spring that Cantillon expects to use him this afternoon, largely because he is an old-timer and is likely to be steadier in the early games than some of the other pitchers. As far as Hughes knowing the Boston batters goes, he will not be able to use his head much, as half the Boston line-up is composed of new men.

Until the team gets going good it is not probable the young pitchers will be called into requisition, unless Jack Warner catches, for Street is new to this league, and it is necessary to have some one wise on the weak points of the veteran swatters of the league.

Telegram From Keeley.

Manager Cantillon received a telegram from Bert Keeley this morning saying he would join the club at Albany Hotel in New York on Saturday.

The arrival of Keeley will effectively quash the charges that Cantillon and Callahan were trying to cover up that promising athlete for Cantillon's outflow Logan Square club in Chicago. Ever since he got a taste of major league conditions in the training camp at Galveston and exhibition games Keeley has been extremely anxious to join Washington at once. He gained great confidence from his showing and the kind words extended him by Cantillon and the newspapers in the South, and now believes he can deliver the goods.

Cantillon Sarcastic.

When the Washington team was waiting for a train in Louisville Sunday night, Ganley remarked:

"Well, tomorrow we begin to get paid for our hits, as it's the first day salaries run."

"You ought to be glad you are not paid in proportion to your hits," snapped the manager, who had not forgotten the sad exhibition of Saturday against the Louisville minor leaguers.

Ell Cates will hardly get a chance to pitch until the team gets to Washington. He has lived so long in California that the cold weather of the East has interfered seriously with his condition. Bill Burns has been somewhat affected by the weather, but not so much as Cates.

National Commission Rules Are Tempered by Rights of Players.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

BOSTON, April 16.—August, better known as Garry Herrmann, president of the National Baseball Commission, is one of the most likeable of men, and despite his manifold, large and intricate business enterprises is one of the most approachable subjects for an interview that ever held a position in the public eye.

He can be seen day or night, at any old time or place, and is always willing to shed all the information he can. Naturally, because he is in a position where his verdict costs the losers money or self-esteem, he frequently comes in for roasts, but these are political, basically speaking, and it is seldom or never that even those who denounce him most severely will not turn around and in the next breath pronounce him a prince of good fellows.

Attitude Toward Garry.

Such is the attitude of Joe Cantillon and the Washington baseball club officially toward the versatile Garry. They throw the hooks into him with great vigor when his course in the commission does not go with their own views, but there is no animosity toward him personally. Last Thursday when the Washington club was in Cincinnati Garry delivered himself of a few remarks concerning the Washington and other clubs and their ways of doing business.

"Most of the troubles of the managers and owners with the commission," said he, "are due to the fact that the club officials do not carefully read and study the laws of baseball and the decisions. Our code is simple, and our objects perfectly clear. We avoid useless verbiage, but the decisions in plain language, and if they are not perfectly understood we will take time to offer an explanation. In spite of this, there are many in the baseball business who have their money invested and give most of their time to the subject, who do not take the trouble to find out what rules they are working under."

Frequent Oversight.

"Managers forget or neglect to send contracts to certain players, and later when the players acquire an increased value for some reason there is a mighty roar because we declare the player a free agent. Yet, if we were not strict in enforcing this rule, the managers would keep youngsters strung along for half the season and deprive them of a chance to make both a living and a reputation. Sometimes managers turn tricks like this hoping they will be overlooked or that they will win out before the commission if the case comes to trial. Not infrequently they get by, but when they are caught with the goods the raw meat chorus is horrible to hear.

"The reserve rule is absolutely essential to the success of professional baseball, as every player with any brains will admit, but if there were not some sort of buffer between player and manager the reserve rule would degenerate into a mere form of servitude in

which the manager could arbitrarily control the player's destinies for life. For this reason, the commission, while all its acts are done according to legal form, assumes a wider latitude than a law court and considers angles to a case which would be excluded by the ordinary rules of evidence.

Jack Warner's Case.

"For instance, you asked me about Jack Warner and the prospects of him getting waivers out of the American League so he can spend his last years in active playing establishing himself as an owner and manager of the Galveston club of the Texas League, in which he has bought a half interest. Nearly all cases of this sort are settled amicably between player and manager, as in that of Monte Cross. Connie Mack would not stand in the way of Cross bettering himself and gave him his release as an appreciation of his long and faithful service with the Athletics. Monte then got the other American League managers to waive him and he is now established as manager in Kansas City, grooming himself for a manager's berth in the major leagues.

"But, suppose Connie Mack had refused to release him, or some of the clubs had refused to waive. Cross could have appealed to the commission and would probably have obtained the right to go to Kansas City anyhow. The commission would probably have held that 'cross' best days as a major league player were over, that to keep him in fast company against his will would have been merely postponing the inevitable for a year or two, and would have been a rank injustice to a man who had reached a time in life when it was necessary for him to consider his permanent future. It is more than likely that he would have been released from his obligations to the American League and allowed to go where he could take count of the morrow.

"This breadth of ruling a law court would hardly assume, for they are more or less strictly bound by the word of the contract, but we go to that extent in order to prevent the reserve rule becoming an engine of oppression.

Duty to Club Owners.

"On the other hand we would not allow a player in his prime, and a valuable property right of the club with which he has signed, to come under a ruling like the one just supposed. A player owes a duty to himself and the game and the club owners, and if we were to permit the present state of affairs to continue, we would be practically robbing the owners of thousands of dollars and imperil not only the interests of those who have invested in the team, but thereby affect the salaries of the other players on the clubs which would suffer financially through the players' striking.

"Another thing we have to avoid is major league franchises men who are still valuable to their leagues, and by this collusion indirectly affecting everybody else in the league. We could not in justice to the other clubs and players do this.

"So, we, as far as possible, judge every case from its equity rather than its law."

The theory is fine and it is a pity that sometimes there is no equity stirring after the decisions are given. As to Mike Keeley:

OWEN MORAN LEAVES FOR ENGLISH HOME

NEW YORK, April 16.—Owen Moran, the English featherweight, left yesterday on the Lusitania for his home in Birmingham, England, where he will start on a seven weeks' engagement on the stage.

Moran was tired of lying around, and may not return to this country for a long time anyway. A finish fight with Abe Attell will be the only inducement that will bring him back. Moran had quite a successful trip, while in this country, and cleared up about \$7,000 in fights and theatrical tours.

When he reached Birmingham he will be presented with a belt, which his admirers will give him for the showing he made with Champion Attell.

PRAISE FOR THE PRESIDENT.

"The President," said a Fifth avenue bootmaker, "would be pleased if he knew what a pretty girl said about him in my shop the other day."

"She came in to order her brother some riding boots. I showed her the last idea in riding boots, a splendid thing."

"These," I said, "are called Roosevelt's."

"She wrinkled her pretty nose."

"How absurd," she said. "Where, I should like to know, will they find a pair of Roosevelt's?"—New York Times.

SCORES METHODS OF PICKING CREW

In view of the widespread interest in the method of selecting an eight-oared crew to represent the United States in the Olympic regatta to be held in England next summer, a letter released for publication yesterday by J. M. Mitcheson, treasurer of the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Association, and one of the foremost authorities on amateur rowing in this country, will probably arouse widespread interest.

The letter contains a severe criticism of the proposed method of picking the American eight and draws some striking comparisons between the manner of selection in England and the United States.

Mr. Mitcheson says, in part:

The English Way.

"The method of filling the membership rolls of the Leander Club gives one who has the selecting of the Leander crew the pick of the very best rowing men in all England, and while this has often been pointed out, its full significance never seems to be quite understood over here.

"In view of this any method of picking an eight for the Olympic races would be most unfair to the prestige of American rowing if it would result in sending abroad any club or university eight unless there could be no possible question as to the crew selected being the fastest of its kind in the country, or if it would result in the selecting of a number of individuals for the crew without giving them the necessary length of time for training or practice and the proper coaching to transform them from eight men in a boat into an eight-oared crew.

Trials Too Late.

"These considerations make it appear exceedingly unfortunate that the two active spirits in our Olympic rowing committee seem to be considering as a feasible plan the postponing of the picking of our eight men until as late in the season as the termination of the New London and Poughkeepsie regattas (June 25 and 27), notwithstanding the fact that the crew must row in a race to be held in England on July 25.

"Such a plan would mean allowing three days to assemble the men somewhere (say in New York or Philadelphia) the fastest of the kind in the country, and two days to get to Henley and rig the boat, that the men would have at the very most exactly ten days of rowing on this side and seven days at Henley. The inevitable result would be that if this eight had the misfortune to draw the Belgians in the first heat they would get the worst kind of a beating imaginable.

Rowing Men Concerned.

"This whole matter is one about which rowing men feel much concerned, and as it is quite evident from some conservative articles that have already appeared in the papers that there are many who disagree entirely with what is believed to be the views of Mr. Pilkington and Mr. Currie in the matter, it would, it seems to me, prove both interesting and valuable if some one would undertake to obtain the views of several of the men most competent to form an opinion on the subject, such as Messrs. Charles Courtney, Ellis Ward, the Ten Eycks and Joseph Dempsey, all of whom have either rowed or had crews at Henley, and of John Kennedy, of Yale; Wray, of Harvard; Rice, of Columbia, and of the other prominent university and club coaches of the country, for instance, Messrs. Grannell, of the N. Y. A. C., and Van Vleet, of Staten Island."

NOT SO HARD.

Prof. William Frear, of the Pennsylvania State College, discussed in Harrisburg the eighty-three kinds of breakfast foods that he recently tested for the Government.

"Most of them were very good," said Prof. Frear. "The taste test, in most cases, was pleasure rather than work. To make work out of it would be to act like a little boy I know in Bellefonte. 'This little boy's mother went, last Washington's Birthday, to a reception, leaving the baby in Jimmy's care. With an injured look, Jimmy said on her return: 'Mamma, I wish you wouldn't make my mind baby again. He was so bad that I had to eat two mince pies and half the fruit cake to amuse him.'"

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Jack Sterrett Track Captain Of George Washington Team



JACK STERRETT. Newly Elected Captain of Hatchette Track Squad.

ARBITERS NAMED FOR UNION LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—President Al Lawson, of the Union League, has filled his umpire staff in a manner that promises satisfaction to all teams.

The staff which he announced last night is composed of four arbiters, all of whom have had considerable experience in the minor leagues. The staff is Neil Harkins, Andrew Stanton, James Cullem and Paul Steinberg, Harkins umpired for several years in this city and in many games between big league and minor league teams. Last season he was with the New York State league.

Stanton is also a local man and his experience was gained in the same manner as that of Harkins. He was connected with the Virginia league last season. Cullem was on the staff of the Atlantic league during the past season, while Steinberg saw service in the Interstate circuit. Lawson will likely sign another umpire if a good man to match the four already secured can be obtained. This will permit the double umpire system in one town and will provide against the sickness or disability of any member of the staff.

The president of the league has ordered his umpires to report here for a conference. Though the organization is outlaw in character and without the backing of the national commission, President Lawson intends to see that the umpires are supported rigidly in all their decisions. He will not permit unruly players to govern affairs, and will give orders that umpires deal severely with all offenders.

CASABIANCA'S OBEDIENCE.

That Casablanca, the noble youth who, according to the immortal poem by Mrs. Hemans, stood upon the burning deck whence all but him had fled, was a good boy as well as a brave one is shown by his reply to Baron Munchausen, who, meeting him upon the street one day, asked him why he didn't try to save himself by jumping overboard. "Why," said he, with a shy wink at Shem, Ham, and Japhet, with whom he had been playing marbles as Munchausen came along, "it was because I promised my mother before I sailed that I would be very careful and not get my feet wet."—Harpers.

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New Leader Succeeds Gill, Who Has Left School.

Manager R. F. Fleming, of the George Washington University track team, this morning announced that J. A. Sterrett, engineering '08, has been elected to the captaincy of the team, a position left vacant by the withdrawal of W. D. Gill from the university.

Gill's choice was a popular one, and his work was significantly effective for the earlier part of the indoor season. In December he was obliged to give up his studies on account of ill health. Since that time Manager Fleming has been acting captain of the squad.

Sterrett is the premier pole vaulter of this section and stands first in the South in that department of gold sports. He has held the Southern collegiate and A. A. U. championships for two years. His present record, made at the Richmond intercollegiate meet in March, is eleven feet. In addition to his work as pole vaulter, Sterrett has this year represented the Hatchettes on all their relay teams and it is expected that he will take part in the intercollegiate games this summer. If so he will be the first to represent George Washington in these games.



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